



**JENNINGS,  
Heidi**

Give back to the community for the benefits you have received is a mantra I was raised on and the reason I am nominating for Bayside Council where I have lived most of my life. I am a married 37 year old mother of two, a graduate of St. Leonards College and taught at two Bayside primary schools. Core council issues must always be prioritised. Additionally, we need improved sporting facilities that provide for constructive physical and social needs of adolescents. Safety of children in our parks requires more fenced play areas. Valuing the contributions of our senior citizens with better services allowing them to remain in their home shows them respect. Our maternal health centres should be more family friendly, providing some after-hours or Saturday services. Other councils do. As an animal lover I dislike dead possums on our roads. Appropriate relocation, never culling, will save possums. I stay in touch with council issues through council website facilities and am most impressed with Michael Heffernan and his contribution to greater financial responsibility of council. I request he gets your second preference. I would appreciate working with him, if I am elected, to serve our Bayside domicile and community.



**HEFFERNAN,  
Michael John**

Last election was a wake-up call. Four new councillors, including myself, were elected. This fresh blood overturned the previous Councils lax approach, where rates rose almost automatically by more than inflation, and debt soared to \$14 million. Now rate increases are lower than the average of neighbouring Councils, debt slashed to \$2.1 million, sizeable Administration savings achieved, while services have been maintained and improved. However Council services are not just rubbish collection, footpath maintenance, parking, and the beach. This new financial discipline provides the firepower to rebuild/refurbish very neglected pavilions, update childrens playgrounds, replace public toilets, renovate kindergartens, and increase parking availability. Furthermore this infrastructure reform wouldnt have happened without the fresh ideas of new Councillors. Its time for another new face in Northern Ward. Thats why I would appreciate a person of Jo Bryants calibre as my Ward colleague. For myself, I am a 28 year Brighton resident with long-standing community commitments including a volunteer solicitor for 36 years at Bayside Legal Aid, an Honorary Director of Sandy Beach Centre, combined with 33 years experience in the Finance Industry. Together with Jo I would like to continue to bring rigour to Council and deliver better services for all.



**DEL PORTO,  
Alex**

My family and I have lived in East Brighton for 31 years. As your sitting Independent Councillor I have the experience and leadership to fight to protect residents from inappropriate development throughout our municipality. Overdevelopment undermines Brighton's character and historic built form. I will request that Council staff find an additional \$3 million dollars of further savings. I will keep rates low in accordance with State requirements and support paying off all existing council debts by 2018. I will back an accelerated building program that will see a Brighton Lifesaving Club Pavilion at Dendy Street Beach sensitively built. I will support new pavilions being built at Elsternwick Park, Dendy Park and the Brighton Beach oval and the upgrade of our kindergartens and playgrounds. I will ensure the construction of four more basketball courts at Tulip Street to double its present size. The Brighton Golf Course needs urgent attention and I will ensure funding for the course water-harvesting project. I have safeguarded the Elsternwick Golf Course from ever turning into a Driving Range and I will continue to protect it. For a strong team Vote 1. Alex del Porto 2. Liz Potter 3. Stephen John Hartney 4. George Daou.



**POTTER,  
Liz**

Who am I and what do I stand for? I stand for Community. I stand for those things that connect all of us and which define our Bayside community. Together with my husband, daughters and grandchildren, I have lived in Bayside for more than 20 years and am passionate about preserving those things that make Bayside a great place to live. This includes opposing inappropriate development to preserve the character of our community; protecting the village atmosphere of our shopping strips; advocating for the needs of every resident - families, youth, the elderly, singles and business; improving pedestrian safety as our streets become more congested; and ensuring our rates are used for services to enhance the liveability of our Bayside community. I bring extensive experience consulting and engaging with communities throughout Victoria, gained through 10 years as a communications manager for large infrastructure projects for the Victorian Government. I am a former journalist and secondary school teacher and understand the importance of communication and listening to the needs of the community. To make a difference, create a strong North Ward team. Vote 1. Liz Potter, 2. Alex Del Porto, 3. Stephen Hartney, 4. George Daou.



**PROCTOR,  
Maree**

I have been a self employed Lymphoedema Nurse for over 20 years in Private Practices in Brighton and Beaumaris with a diverse background in health having managed people of all ages with complex health issues including those who have difficulties maintaining their independence. Improving better access to public transport for our senior residents and people with disabilities is imperative. My aim for Bayside is to improve environmental and sustainable solutions. The implementation of better quality lighting in the darkened streets in Bayside is well overdue. As a Bayside resident for over 50 years, I am appalled at the continual decline in the footpaths in desperate need of repair, a priority to enable elderly people in our community easier walking without tripping over exposed tree roots and also providing easier mobility for mothers with prams, also cutting back and regular maintenance of overhanging vegetation to avoid injury. Maintaining the Village atmosphere in local shopping centres is an important step forward including the provision of increasing public car parking for shoppers to support and market the local Retailers. My council commitment is comparable to Michael Heffernan and Jo Bryant who are equally intent to deliver needed positive change and improvement to Bayside.



**BRYANT,  
Joanne Beth**

A new, fresh face is needed! My work as a self-employed occupational therapist provides me with experience in disability, employment, aged care and early learning. As a mother and grandmother, I am passionate about community safety, personal security, crime prevention, good street lighting, footpath maintenance, speedy removal of overhanging branches and accessible parking, all issues that top my list. Bayside has something for everyone. But, to continue enjoying our superb natural features of the bay, tracks and parks, the provision of gold-standard services and amenities needs good planning and financial prudence. The answer is not to increase rates year on year, but to live within agreed budgets. My contribution to council, along with the good work started by Michael Heffernan, will ensure that this approach will continue on my watch. My aim is to find the right balance between planning excellence leading to better accommodation and services while continuing to preserve the best of Bayside and its heritage. Trees enhance the environment while graffiti does the opposite. Doing justice to this role requires commitment. Listening, being engaged and available to all stakeholders are key to a successful term. It would be a privilege to represent you as a Bayside Councillor.

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**NORMAN,  
Benjamin**

Let's build a more engaged and vibrant Bayside community, starting today, by initiating the conversation through transparent, community-led forums that will give you a voice in the development of our Councils annual budgets, infrastructure programs, strategy and policy development. Lets embrace what we love about Bayside - its livability, natural wonders, and leafy streets. But we can do more to enhance what we love about our city! The heart of our community is our shopping strips, and I will advocate for the enhancement and protection of heritage character, improved streetscapes, better street lighting, parking solutions, increased walkability, and seek a long-term plan to put our unsightly powerlines underground. I will support better utilisation of our parks, open spaces, and sports grounds. As a community we need to continue to support our disadvantaged and vulnerable people in our community - this includes best practice for our aged care services and increased support to local non-profit organisations. As an accountant and business strategist for a major university with a Masters specialising in urban design, I will bring the critical skills required for greater budget responsibility and a more engaged and vibrant Bayside. Mobile: 0468 918 456, Email: [ben.norman.bayside@gmail.com](mailto:ben.norman.bayside@gmail.com), Facebook: [www.facebook.com/ben.norman.bayside](http://www.facebook.com/ben.norman.bayside)

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**DAOU,  
George**

I've had the privilege of calling Bayside my home for over 30 years. During that time my family have owned businesses all over Melbourne, with the most recent being a restaurant in Brighton which we took over in 2013. One of the things I've valued most since working in Bayside has been the sense of community. Bayside residents come to take care of their own and invest in for the future. Firstly, I have increasing concern about the public safety around train stations. I believe every Bayside resident should feel safe to make their way in, out and around the area. As a local trader on Church Street I'd like to support the ongoing viability of local small business owners and village shopping areas and believe more can be done to that end. I'd love to support the youth in our community and ensure that all local sports clubs get a fair go, particularly the smaller ones which often don't get equal access to resources. The youth are the future of this community, I am passionate about supporting the next generation. Vote 1 George Daou; Vote 2 Alex del Porto; Vote 3 Stephen John Hartney; Vote 4 Potter Liz;

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**HARTNEY,  
Stephen John**

My family and I have been part of the Bayside community for over 28 years. I was the Mayor of Bayside City Council in 2013 just before being called to Canberra to work for the newly elected Coalition government. Now back in Melbourne I am seeking your support to continue my Council reform agenda. I am a proud conservative with strong economic and law and order views. I believe Councils have a duty of care to keep their residents safe. As Mayor I achieved the lowest Council rate increase in decades. Local governments are about things like planning, libraries, roads and rubbish but they must be run efficiently. No more \$153,000 Christmas gold ribbons around trees for Bayside! Residential development in and around designated activity centres (mainly around our railway stations) are causing concern. While recognising the need to provide for the projected population growth of Melbourne this century our Council must ensure these developments do not destroy the very reasons why we all live in this fabulous part of the world. For a strong Northern Ward team: Vote 1 -Stephen John Hartney. Vote 2 - Alex del Porto. Vote 3 - Liz Potter. Vote 4 - George Daou.