

MARKUS OSWALD

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Your Glen Eira Council Elections



Markus Oswald – Candidate for Rosstown Ward, Glen Eira

Why Vote for Me?

I have lived in Rosstown Ward for 14 years with my wife Chelsie and our two daughters who attend a local school and participate in local sporting clubs. I am committed to making Rosstown, and Glen Eira, the best place we can to live.

My vision is that Glen Eira will be an inclusive community which fosters the community's view in a respectful and open manner. The community's voice should be strong when making decisions about how we live, work and move about our suburbs.

It is Our Community, Our Choices.

The suburbs of Carnegie, Caulfield South, Glen Huntly, Hughesdale, McKinnon, Murrumbeena, Ormond and Brighton East each has their own personality.

I would advocate strongly for Council to develop a strategic direction and plan for each of these suburbs, as well as for the wider City of Glen Eira.

I am a strong believer in clear, transparent and achievable goals. Council should be championing for a strong community endorsed framework about how we plan and create a better community together.

Professionally, I manage our own family engineering business, serve as treasurer and board member of a not-for-profit industry group (South East Melbourne Manufacturers Alliance) and a committee member of community groups. This work has given me valuable experience as a representative and advocate.

- Independent
- Strong ties to Rosstown
- Experienced advocate
- Clear plan for our community



“As your Councillor, I would be local, independent, present, respectful and passionate about representing our community.”

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- **Better conversations between Council and the community**
- **Planning and creating a better community together**
- **High quality Council services and facilities that enhance liveability**
- **More open space**
- **Caring for our environment and promoting local sustainability**
- **Ensuring value for money and responsible governance**

Better conversations between council and the community

Residents are in real need of honesty, transparency and accountability, particularly in these difficult times when inclusiveness, mutual support and uplifting interactions are critical.

This is our community. These are our suburbs. For too long many residents have felt that their comments and priorities have not been properly reflected in decisions and recommendations

of Council. I have been one of those voices who has not been heard. It is time that this changed.

As a Councillor it is important to be proactive and to facilitate differing types of conversations between residents and the Council on issues. I will work hard to ensure that you are able to participate when you want to and are satisfied that your view has been considered.



Facilitate conversations that make a difference and create a shared vision

Planning and creating a better community together

Moving around Glen Eira

As our suburb and surrounding areas grow we need a strong vision of how people will move around our municipality. Council's transport plans must be clear, simple and progressive. They must present a timetable of what will be achieved.

I am a former member of the inaugural Glen Eira Council Transport Advisory Committee and have a passionate interest in planning and creating sustainable, connected and workable communities.

The way our community looks

Maintaining, respecting and enhancing the character of Rosstown and Glen Eira is critical. Our place, our home is unique and the distinctive character and heritage of our residential areas must be respected. Our community deserves transparency and a say in what is happening within our immediate neighbourhood.

We need a transparent framework that can be relied on by the community, builders, VCAT and others. This can only be achieved if a proper conversation occurs between Council, residents and others.



A clear plan for how our spaces connect and how we move between them

The way the community feels

Our sense of identity goes beyond how our suburbs look; it includes how we feel as a community.

Community hubs, sporting clubs and social groups drive the inspiring culture of our community. I will work hard with these groups to ensure they are being supported by Council, and their future needs communicated and addressed.

Community projects like Laz's Lane and Rita's Way in Carnegie should be encouraged, and similar projects should be rolled out in other parts of the Rosstown Ward and Glen Eira.

Small business is important to the way our community feels and interacts. Owning a business of my own, I understand the importance of fostering open communication between business and Council.

Transparent consultation and a clear plan that respects our area's heritage

I have been a strong and successful community voice:

- at VCAT opposing many inappropriate developments (up to 16 storeys) in Carnegie and Murrumbeena
- successfully obtaining documents under Freedom of Information including the Dandenong railway line project proposal and the proposed future track alignment
- I am a founding committee member of Save Glen Eira Inc and involved with the Glen Eira Residents Association.



More trees and real action to find new open space

More open space

We have some great open spaces in Glen Eira, but more open space is needed. In addition, Glen Eira has lost a substantial proportion of its tree canopy in recent years.

Current Council plans demonstrate meek intentions to recover this coverage by 2040. We should be working harder to protect and restore our tree canopy and the permeability of our suburbs.

Transparent and accountable timelines need to be set for the Open Space Strategy and how the Open Space Levy funds will be used. I will help local residents activate small groups and forums to identify areas for new spaces that connect and build communities.

It is also my priority to advocate for additional levels of protection for areas such as Boyd Park – Outer Circle Railway linear park which hold community and cultural importance for current and future generations.

High quality council services and facilities that enhance liveability



Support for local groups and projects that bring our community together

The facilities we enjoy

During my term, I will work together with sporting clubs and community groups to help:

- deliver the proposed Pavilion Redevelopment Strategy in a timely manner
- access other facilities within the community
- identify opportunities for other types of support so more people enjoy our facilities.

I am a strong supporter of Council providing community services for all generations, including those for families, young children and seniors. Specifically, I support the Council's Aged Care Centres remaining community-owned.

Caring for our environment and promoting local sustainability



We need tangible changes to the way Council and our community operate. My focus on environmental responsibility and local sustainability includes:

- increasing the municipality's tree canopy and ground permeability
- increasing the number of trees planted, and ensuring that there is a net annual increase
- introducing appropriate and binding planning controls
- helping groups and sporting clubs realise opportunities of the future Container Deposit Scheme
- reducing litter and waste
- promoting innovative reuse and recycling solutions that are environmentally and financially prudent
- supporting innovative reduction in waste, resource recovery and demand-led solutions.

A sustainability plan that tackles the complex issues for our local environment

Ensuring value for money and responsible governance



I am aware of how important strong financial management is to ensuring residents receive value for their money. I will use my financial and business experience for responsible governance of your money.

Over the years, I have:

- managed and owned a business
- served as treasurer and board member of a not-for-profit industry group
- served on a committee for research bodies and other organisations
- become a Fellow of the Governance Institute
- attained formal qualifications in finance from Monash University.



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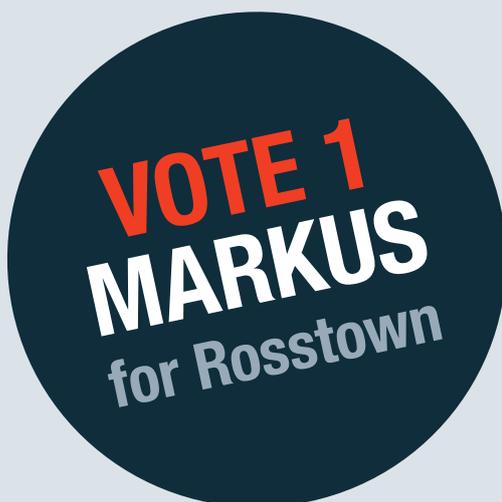
There are a lot of plans, ideas and issues to be addressed in Glen Eira over the next four years, so it is important that Council hears the community's voice before making decisions.

Vote "1" – Markus Oswald

Remember to number all the boxes on the ballot paper.

It is your vote.

I recommend voting Markus Oswald number 1 and the others in an order of your choice.



I will be voting in the following manner:	
OSWALD, Markus	1
PTOK, Gregor	2
ATHANASOPOULOS, Tony	10
HO, Kelvin	11
DARIOL, Jack	8
PILLING, Neil	6
ZOIS, Con	3
PENNICUIK, Sue	9
ESAKOFF, Margaret	4
OZA, Dev	5
SPAULDING, Robert	7
BALZER, Simon	12
VAN NOORDEN, John	13

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