

Vote **1** Brian Grace

BAKEWELL WARD | BANYULE CITY COUNCIL

Dear Neighbour,

After living in Greensborough and working for the community for many years I have decided to run for election at the coming Banyule City Council elections. My name is Brian Grace, I have lived in Greensborough for 42 years with my wife and family. I am 63 years old, married with a son and grandchildren, who also live in the area.

I have in the past held a position with Sarina Russo Company, where I teach unemployed people how to obtain work. I am a professional Human Resources Manager and have been a member of the Australian Human Resources Institute for over 35 years.

From a community role point of view it began when my son entered kinder and even longer than that. I was the maintenance officer for my son's kinder for a couple of years. The kinder was Grace Park Kindergarten. When my son went to primary school at Watsonia Heights P.S. I joined the school council and later became school President. I was a member of the Diamond Valley Football League for 15 years, Where I was elected as Vice President of the league for 12 years as well as the publicity officer for the league.

I have always been a member of a community group in one way or another. I have been a volunteer for the Collingwood Football Club for 24 years, which included the Special Services Award in 2011. When my son joined a local football club, the Greensborough Juniors, I joined the committee and became Vice President of the club.

In recent years I have been attending the Banyule City Council meetings and helped form a community group called Good Governance Banyule. I was concerned at the lack of governance within the council. This has led to our group meeting with the council to discuss such matters.

I have always been community minded and worked to make my local community stronger and a better place to live. In 2020 I was awarded a Volunteer award in the Jaga Jaga awards.

About 7 years ago the Banyule City Council planned to sell off a small pocket park that had been in the local community for about 75 years. I rallied the community and wrote to the Banyule Council and asked them not to sell the park, after some community campaigning the council changed its mind and didn't sell the park. I knew then that we as a community needed to change things to save the park from any further or future attempts by the council to sell off the park. So I got a campaign together to name the park and have it re-zoned as an open space which has been successful. The park is now been named Barkley Park and was re-zoned by the council.

I have over the past years worked well with all levels of government, Local, State and Federal. I believe that our council must serve our community far better than what it has done in the past.

I want the return of a public forum at council meetings, I want live streaming of council meetings, I want to hold regular Bakewell Ward meetings, I want to hold coffee club meetings at regular shopping centre spots within Bakewell Ward. I want better building planning for local shopping centres.

I truly love living in the Greensborough area and being an active member of the local community.

Please help me to be elected to Banyule City Council representing the Bakewell Ward.

If you have any issues or matters that you would like me to take to council, please contact me on my Facebook page – **Vote 1 Brian Grace** or text/call me regarding your issue on **0472 726 220**.

Kind regards
Brian Grace

