

# News from our Neighbourhood

## **November 2024**

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Cr Mary O'Kane Olympia Ward

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# Thank you for electing me as your Olympia Ward councillor

I'm honoured to represent you and the Banyule community.

I love the strength and passion of our community and how we can connect across diverse experiences to protect and be there for each other, through good times and bad.

Having lived in other places, I know what we have in Olympia is special and unique.

## My priorities for this term

- Tap the depth of knowledge and understanding of local residents.
- Address safety concerns in local areas, as well as parking and road safety issues.
- Balance the need for more housing with providing quality, liveable spaces.
- Advocate to revitalise Bell Street Mall.

- Protect and rejuvenate our green and natural spaces.
- Ease cost of living pressures for locals.
- Improve local infrastructure and access to community spaces.

I'm here and available for you and excited to represent you.

If you see me out and about, come and have a chat about what matters to you.



## Your new Council

L-R: Olympia Ward Cr Mary O'Kane
Beale Ward Cr Elizabeth Nealy\*, Mayor
Bakewell Ward Cr Mark Di Pasquale\*
Grimshaw Ward Cr Rick Garotti\*
Sherbourne Ward Cr Alison Champion\*
Griffin Ward Cr Peter Castaldo\*,
Deputy Mayor
Ibbott Ward Cr Alicia Curry

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Chelsworth Ward Cr Alida McKern\*
Hawdon Ward Cr Matt Wood

\* re-elected





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## Role of a councillor

I was elected by Olympia Ward voters, but I make decisions for the whole of the municipality, like all Banyule councillors.

It's our job to help make policy decisions, set the strategic direction for Council and make sure that Council services meet the community's needs.

#### **Get in touch**

I'm here to help you. Get in touch if you'd like to chat about any concerns in our area, such as planning, roads or community facilities.

### **Next Council meeting**

Banyule Council meetings are open to the public. Find out more at banyule.vic.gov.au/
CouncilMeetings

- **9 December**
- **(**) 7pm
- Council Chambers at ILCH, 275 Upper Heidelberg Road, Ivanhoe

