

## Red Hill Ward (1 vacancy) 5 Candidates

### Candidates who did not respond:

#### Q1. Why are you standing for Council?

THORN, Claire

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 will streamline current council processes, deliver high quality social services to young and old; create spaces where people can connect and play; deliver a transport solution for everyone particularly for young people to get to work and study; support businesses to thrive; take action to respond to climate change and oppose inappropriate development that will jeopardise our natural environment and green wedge.

GILL, David

To represent our community and give a voice to local concerns.

BREADMORE, David

I want to have some input in planning our future to maintenance our lifestyle and to insure that we leave a red hill ward in as good a position as possible

DAVIES, Tim

I am standing for council as I would like to see a change of faces and new ideas; I have lived on the Peninsula and have been involved in farming activities for most of my life. I would like to see more transparency in council.

GOFFIN, Melissa

To stand for change in our community. To extend community voice, create greater transparency and accountability in local government and contribute to improved outcomes for our community.

#### Q2. Do you consider Council has a role in advocating on issues of concern to locals at the state and federal levels?

THORN, Claire

Absolutely.

GILL, David

Yes, much decision making is out of our hands and strong advocacy is essential on matters affecting us.

BREADMORE, David

I believe the role of council is to guide and direct the council as it relates to local issues first and that advocacy in the state and federal landscape while important we must establish and advocate local initiative as a priority

DAVIES, Tim

Yes

GOFFIN, Melissa

YES. It is critical that our Council advocate at all levels of government for our community.

**Q3. What do you see as the main social justice issues which currently need Council attention or advocacy?**

THORN, Claire

The main social justice issues are access to mental health services; homelessness; family violence; school retention and completion; access to transport, youth unemployment.

GILL, David

- Homelessness / social housing
- Reconciliation with indigenous peoples
- Mental Health and Wellbeing
- Family violence
- Unemployment
- Care for vulnerable people, especially during the Covid-19 crisis

BREADMORE, David

Mental Health with a strong focus on the youth

Family violence

Unemployment

Care for our vulnerable

DAVIES, Tim

Anything to do with human rights breaches.

GOFFIN, Melissa

Mental health & all effects of loss of employment, housing family violence, substance abuse associated with loss of employment and recession and lock down conditions.

**Q4. Have you advocated or worked for better outcomes with regard to Social Justice issues? If so how and in which areas?**

THORN, Claire

My working life over the last 25 years has included both community and public sector roles across youth justice, child protection, housing, mental health, youth services and education. I dedicated ten years of my career to advance the rights of people with a disability. I was involved in the closure of the largest institution for people with a disability; I had a leadership role the development of the first state disability plan and the national disability strategy. I worked very hard to ensure that people with a disability had a voice in public policy making. I led the establishment of the Office of Disability in the State Government and oversaw the revitalisation of the disability advocacy sector.

I am known for my strong values base and commitment to community engagement and consultation - ensuring all voices are heard.

Locally I initiated and delivered the First People of Flinders Project which resulted in awareness raising activities and two new flag poles in front of the community hall so that the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Flags fly alongside the Australian flag all year round. This was undertaken in consultation with the traditional owner groups.

GILL, David

As part of St Marks Doing Justice Group I am committed to a fair society and taking action at a local level. Personally involved in social housing in the past where I helped run a housing co-operative.

BREADMORE, David

No I haven't but I have taken an interest in understanding it and the barriers to outcomes

DAVIES, Tim

Not actively

GOFFIN, Melissa

I have advocated for women's issues as part of the Women's March Global organisation. I was a founding member of the Women's March on Melbourne in 2017, key organiser in 2018 & 2019. Within this group and its related advocacy I was involved in action and outreach around various women's issues.

I have done some advocacy around family violence issues.

I have been involved in some climate change action as a participant.

#### **Q5. Do you support the renaming of Blacks Camp Rd, Pre-school and Reserve?**

THORN, Claire

Absolutely.

GILL, David

Yes and was involved with the Council's progressive Reconciliation Action Plan and the naming of the Aquatic centre, Yawa,(meaning to swim).

BREADMORE, David

If the overwhelming majority are uncomfortable with this yes, but I see it as a name like any other name I do not see it as a symbol or a statement,

DAVIES, Tim

Not answered

GOFFIN, Melissa

Yes, I do. If this land was originally an Aboriginal campsite and/or if it has been communicated that this name is offensive to those of Aboriginal heritage and/or to the Bunurong people, then it should be changed.

**Q6. What can the Mornington Shire Council do to help reduce violence against women in the home?**

THORN, Claire

Work collaboratively with the police and existing agencies – a coordinated approach is required. There should be more targeted public awareness directed to community sport and youth activities; safe spaces for women and children.

GILL, David

The Council, with my support, has recently adopted a gender equity strategy, including actions to help prevent violence against women and children.

BREADMORE, David

More education, more direct advocacy from early years to the more mature that this is not acceptable in any form

DAVIES, Tim

Become more involved in issues and utilize current resources along with education and financial support.

GOFFIN, Melissa

Education around identifying and understanding violence against women. Working with local support services around creating and integrating education programs for kids/teens focused on respectful communications, identifying and calling out derogatory communication and actions. There is also space for creating stronger focus on equality within the Shire and local business.

**Q7. What type of projects could council undertake to increase community awareness of Indigenous cultural heritage on the Mornington Peninsula?**

THORN, Claire

This is not my question to answer. The first step to determine resource allocation is to open dialogue with traditional owner groups, aboriginal community controlled groups and with aboriginal residents of all ages.

GILL, David

The adopted Council Reconciliation Action Plan outlines many actions to increase recognition, including indigenous people's history as part of all appropriate signage around the Peninsula.

BREADMORE, David

Adoption and implementation of the Indigenous and Reconciliation Action Plan

DAVIES, Tim

Education advertising along with financial support

GOFFIN, Melissa

I'm not aware of this but I would be looking to local Aboriginal leaders for how we can better educate our community. There would be best practice from other areas that we could integrate here.

**Q8. Did you protest about the closure of the Centrelink office in Mornington? If so how?**

THORN, Claire

No, I am sorry I didn't.

GILL, David

Yes, created publicity and Council contact with Federal Government MP's to prevent the proposed closure.

BREADMORE, David

No didn't, in reflection perhaps I should have

DAVIES, Tim

No

GOFFIN, Melissa

I did. I contributed to social media discussions and I wrote to Peta Murphy and let her know that this office was needed and the hindrances to access these services for our MP were unacceptable.

**Q9. Where will you provide further information for voters about your credentials?**

THORN, Claire

My credentials are listed on my website [clairethorn.com.au](http://clairethorn.com.au) and LinkedIn.

B.Arts (Monash), Master of Public Policy and Management, (UoM), Executive Masters - Public Administration, (ANZSOG), Graduate Australian Institute of Company Directors.

I know how government works and I know how to get things done in efficient, effective and collaborative ways.

GILL, David

On my Facebook Page: [facebook.com/davidgillredhillward](https://www.facebook.com/davidgillredhillward) and in brochures distributed to all homes.

BREADMORE, David

All available on my web page and facebook page  
@david.breadmore2020  
[www.davidbreadmore.com.au](http://www.davidbreadmore.com.au)

DAVIES, Tim

Social media

GOFFIN, Melissa

On my facebook page: @melissaformornpen On Instagram: @melissaformornpen and on my website: [www.melissagoffin.com.au](http://www.melissagoffin.com.au)

**Q10. How do you intend to gain input from the community when controversial questions arise in council?**

THORN, Claire

Multiple channels are needed to gain input from the broadest range of residents and interested stakeholders. I would use both traditional mail outs; newsletters and surveys via email and social media. When permitted, I will be happy to participate in town hall meetings, smaller forums and one on one meetings.

I have extensive experience in designing and delivering engagement strategies. I am most interested in engaging with the hardest to reach. I will not rely on a select few to determine the views and mood with the Red Hill Ward or the Mornington Peninsula Shire.

GILL, David

By listening to our community.

I support 'citizen juries' which are now Council policy and recently moved a motion to have social media polling on issues affecting us with the first one on the AGL gas importation issue already undertaken.

BREADMORE, David

Improved communication and consultation

DAVIES, Tim

Utilize newspapers, email and social media

GOFFIN, Melissa

My priority will be seeking information from those in the community that are closest to the issue. I do not intend to position myself as an expert on matters but seek those who are.

This material has been assembled from statements made by individual candidates.

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