

Cerberus Ward (1 vacancy) 4 Candidates

Candidates who did not respond:

BIGGINS, Neil

DIXON, Lisa - Hoping to respond when internet issues are resolved.

BARNFIELD, Darren

Q1. Why are you standing for Council?

ROPER, Kate

I originally stood as I was sick of the non local councillor doing nothing as not invested in living here.

Q2. Do you consider Council has a role in advocating on issues of concern to locals at the

ROPER, Kate

Yes definitely. We are closest to the community and have better local knowledge of issues and problems

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

ROPER, Kate

Here homelessness a huge unseen issue. also lack of public transport here impacts ability to get a job, especially for the young.

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

ROPER, Kate

I have been member of our AAA housing committee and also joined local groups in Balnarring working for social housing. Also in touch with Salvos and Mission centre here if they need any assistance from council.

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

ROPER, Kate

Not answered

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

ROPER, Kate

Our gender equality policy was a great step forward in publicising and focusing on the issue. I have been involved with the white ribbon march in Hastings for many years and this continual bringing the issue forward and where women can access help anonymously has helped a lot of people

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

ROPER, Kate

We have discussed the lack of recognition of this on our signage whereas some councils do have this on their signage. Changing our signs everywhere to recognise the local indigenous heritage would be one step. I have worked closely with Willum Warrain to improve their site and promote their meeting place as well as support financially. They do a lot of community education with schools and this is a great way to improve the knowledge.

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

ROPER, Kate

Council voted to advocate for this and this was led by the Mayor and Briars ward councillors in particular. We advocated to the health minister and will continue to do so as its only guaranteed until March 2021.

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

ROPER, Kate

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

ROPER, Kate

Have already done this a couple of times. Organise a public meeting in the area it involves and promote to get community support. Community consultation is key.

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

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