

## **SUSAN WYNNE ANSWERS TO ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS**

10. What do you see as the role of a councillor?

11. Why do you think you are a good choice to fulfill this role?

12. Would you please list your qualifications and experience relevant to being a Councillor.

13. What are the major challenges facing councillors in Woollahra Municipality?

14. If elected, how do you propose tackling these challenges?

1. The role of councillor is multi faceted and requires extensive experience, time and a focus on more than one area of council or issue. I have always said that I believe our biggest role is to create a sense of community and never has this been more important than where we find ourself today after 18 months of dealing with covid. We are more than just roads, rates and rubbish (which is also important) however by building a sense of community we create a municipality that is resilient, protects and cares about our environment and supports local economy.

2. Having served for 13 years as a Vauclose Ward Councillor including most recently as Mayor, I am well served to continue this role and have a great deal to offer. I am focused on fighting over development, protecting the environment and also focused on strong financial management which is a key issue after the impact of Covid19. My ideas remain fresh as I am constantly out talking to local residents and businesses and always listen to residents concerns. I have a reputation of being dedicated, fair, hard working and passionate about my role. It is a privilege to serve my community and I am grateful every day for the support shown and never take this for granted.

3. My relevant experience is extensive having served in multiple areas and multiple committees from planning through to environment. Outside of Council I serve as an Independent Non Executive Director, own my own consulting business and am also National Chair of Australian Red Cross Society of Women Leaders and sit of the Sapphire Committee which is focused on protecting our oceans and waterways.

4. One of the biggest issues is over development and a lack of supporting infrastructure. With a population of almost 60,000 people and only 12km<sup>2</sup> in size and on a peninsula, any increase in development has significant impacts on Woollahra and its residents.

Another key issue is supporting our local businesses as we emerge from another lockdown. There is still a great deal of uncertainty and businesses are really struggling with a severe shortage of staff and the constant threat of new variants hitting our shores.

Protecting our environment is something that is very important to me and as a mother of a 20 and 21 year old I am committed to seeing Woollahra as leading the way in environmental sustainability. This is a key issue for almost everyone in Woollahra as we continue to protect all our open spaces and beaches.

Mental health is also a growing concern particularly for the youth. Covid has completely changed the way the youth live their lives and we are seeing a massive impact on the mental and emotional wellbeing of our younger generation.

5. \* If elected I will continue to stand up and fight for our community like I have done for years. we need to be strategic about where development occurs to support population growth and this should be directed to areas such as Edgecliff where there is a key transport hub rather than having

increased development in the Vacluse Ward. Any development (even in Edgecliff) needs to be well considered and support the local heritage and character of the area.

\* As far as protecting our environment, this is one of my greatest passions and I want Woollahra to lead the way in environmental sustainability. From more Electric vehicle charging stations, a ban on single plastics and continued tree planting and bush generation and improving Rose Bay Beach water pollution are just some of the areas we need to focus on but there are also many more that I will work on through my time if elected.

\* Mental health will continue to be focus as we look at further programs and grants helping those who are in need.

\* Our local businesses will remain a key focus from revitalisation grants through to placemaking and beautification of areas to ensure they are all supported as much as possible.

Success all comers dow to working with our community and creating a collaborative approach to tackling issues, needs and anything else that may present itself.

Susan