

## **Response from Candidate Steven Lewis – Hunter Ward, Waverley**

Our role as councillors is to represent all residents of Waverley, to listen to residents' concerns and make fair and open decisions that will benefit all residents. We are to act honestly and openly.

I have a proven track record of getting things done both at local government level and in our community.

I have been on Council for one term – I am not a time server. I hold degrees in law and urban studies including a post graduate diploma. I have worked in the real world for more than 30 years with real commercial experience managing large and small companies.

The major challenges facing Waverley is the pressures for more development which means greater congestion and strains on our infrastructure and the stripping away of powers by the state government.

I have started and will continue my campaign to return powers to our elected councillors to determine development applications and to stop attempts by the state government to shift costs onto councils while taking away its revenue sources.

Hunter ward and in particular the Diamond Bay area is under pressure of overdevelopment due to site amalgamations and the drive by developers to maximise their returns on investment. We can use the Local Environmental Plan (LEP) to adjust zoning as a way of limiting over development. I would like to see some specific road widening using the wide verges to allow better traffic management at identified pinch points, as I was able to do in Military Rd.

I support Council acquiring land for community use when the opportunity arises, subject of course that the cost of doing so can be justified and it is done from available funds.

This Council has been at the forefront of expanding our tree canopy. There is always room to improve our policy and I welcome input from residents as to how this can be achieved.

Hopefully this gives you an insight into what I and my team has done and will do in the next term.

### **Friends of Clarke Reserve Questions for candidates up for election to Waverley Council Hunter Ward**

1. What do you see as the role of a councillor?
2. Why do you think you are a good choice to fulfill this role?
3. Would you please list your qualifications and experience relevant to being a Councillor.
4. What are the major challenges facing councillors in Waverley Municipality?

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5. If elected, how do you propose tackling these challenges?
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8. What are the main challenges facing :  
Diamond Bay  
Area east of the Cemetery  
Dover Heights
9. If elected, how do you propose tackling these challenges?
10. Do you think it necessary to protect and preserve the local open natural green environment for future generations?
11. Do you keep abreast of current research on environmental issues ?  
If so how do you do that ?
12. If elected will you advocate for a Greening policy with greater tree canopy and green cover across the municipality?  
If so how would you suggest such a policy be implemented ?
13. If elected will you revise Council's Tree Policy and how it is implemented?
14. Do you consider public views, skylines and/or the night sky need preserving ?  
If so how will you uphold their importance if elected?
15. If elected would you support Council purchasing land for community use?
16. Which Ward in the Council area do you live in?