



## **RAMCHARAN, Ben**

This year, we've learnt the true value of where we live. While others have been surrounded by concrete, we've enjoyed the wonderful natural environment that's part of living in our Green Wedge Shire. I'm so grateful to live here. I'm an IT specialist at a youth mental health organisation. I understand the impact lockdown is having on our community and local businesses. As we exit lockdown, I'm committed to supporting local businesses to reopen, pushing for rate relief for anybody whose income has been affected, and helping reconnect our communities. I've spent years championing issues such as road safety, environmental protection and neighbourhood character. I've worked alongside local people in various groups including Nillumbik Greens and Nillumbik Climate Emergency Action Team. Supporting our community is very important to me. I want Sugarloaf residents to have a strong voice on Council. Sugarloaf Ward deserves more attention from Council and more investment in local projects. My priorities include: (A) Road safety for people and wildlife. (B) Improved drainage to reduce flooding. (C) Green Wedge protection. (D) Family facilities such as playgrounds and BMX tracks accessible in all areas. (E) Strong local action on the Climate Emergency. (F) Improved access to trails for all trail users. (G) Better value for ratepayers - no more wasting money on expensive consultants. To find out more about me and my stance on other key local issues, visit my website - [benramcharan.com](http://benramcharan.com) or contact me on 0476 175 359 or at [ben@benramcharan.com](mailto:ben@benramcharan.com). Vote [1] Ben Ramcharan for a councillor who will listen and act. I recommend numbering the boxes from top to bottom: 14, 1, 5, 6, 4, 12, 2, 11, 9, 15, 16, 7, 8, 3, 10, 13.