



PAINE, Geoff

My family and I have loved living here for the past 17 years, and we want to keep it as natural as we can.

This is the Green Wedge Shire and we need a Council that reflects the values of the place we choose to live in. I'm a passionate Elthamite running for local government to make a difference.

Our Council has been held captive to political and property interests for four years and we need to break this cycle. I'm not a member of a political party, or hoping for a career in politics. I work at Monash University in communications, and that's what we need for this Council – open communication.

We've had secret deals for too long, and councillors desperate to get into state politics. Enough. Let's get back to local government at the local level.

I will work to make the Council more open, more consultative, and generally more connected to the community. I will clarify where we stand financially, work to get the best funding deals we can, and support local sports, arts, social and volunteer groups in the work they do.

We're heading towards a tougher economy, and our volunteer community groups are at the front line of the challenges we'll face. Council needs to back them all the way.

I'm asking you to Vote 1 Geoff Paine to make our Council honest, accountable and one we can be proud of.