

BIKEast survey of Waverley candidates for the 4 December 2021 NSW Local Government Elections

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↓ Questions to candidates					
<p>People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?</p>	<p>As chair of the Council's Cycling Advisory Committee since 2017 I have assisted in the development of the Council's bicycle strategic & action plan. I will continue to work with the community and stake holders to have the plan adopted and implemented.</p>	<p>It is dangerous to ride a bike in this area. The Labor led Waverley Council has made significant improvements to cycling infrastructure particularly in Bondi Junction in Spring St and Oxford St. It is great to see the infrastructure being built in Queens Park to link our area into Centennial Park. We need to ensure that council provides safe paths that feed into this new infrastructure. Turning the back lanes behind Bondi Road into cycleways is one way we can do that.</p>	<p>See answers below</p>	<p>I'm currently on Waverley Council's cycling committee and have been advocating for a safer and more improved cycleway for over 10 years. As an avid cyclist myself I would like to see these upgrades and relevant maintenance continues, as well as the significant infrastructure to entice more cyclists to participate.</p>	<p>1. As former Chair of the Waverley Traffic Committee, I have already fought for and spent many hours ensuring the adequacy of concept and detail designs for a separated cycleway through Bondi Junction, which is nearing completion. 2. I continue to push for a speed limit reduction to 40kph (or even 30kph) for buses travelling through the Oxford St Transit mall (between the two Westfield buildings) to ensure safety for cyclists in the new separated cycleway. 3. I continue to push for a separated cycleway along Curlewis St as part of the beach to Bay cycleway route. 4. I want to reduce the speed for cyclists on shared paths from the existing speed of adjacent roads (50kph or 60kph generally) to a more reasonable level to improve cyclist and pedestrian safety. Although this is a state matter, I would still need BikEast and other NSW cycling and pedestrian organisations to be in support before promoting the idea further.</p>
<p>Transport is the largest source of Australian carbon dioxide emissions (25%). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading cause of deaths in Australia. What role do you think cycling can play in tackling the urgent climate and health crises we face?</p>	<p>Safe cycling enables the reduction in the use of vehicles especially in peak times. Residents should be encouraged, as well as the environment, adopt cycling as one of their regular means of transport, especially for local trips.</p>	<p>Incidental exercise is the easiest way to keep healthy. Park the car or sell it off and walk, scooter or ride a bike to get around your local area.</p>	<p>A huge role</p>	<p>Cycling has been my own person means of transport. I encourage more people to participate as it not only helps build and maintain fitness, improves mood and a healthy mindset, reduces traffic congestions and emissions, but also often gets me to my destination sooner.</p>	<p>It is important that people do more active travel, whereby they do appropriate exercise while getting around. Waverley is undulating and often windy, and streets are often narrow with cars parked on both sides of the road with a single two-way travel lane. Streets must become safer for people to perform a modal shift from 4 wheel transport to 2 wheel. I recommend that all side residential streets have their speed limits reduced to 30kph, especially where they are narrow, undulating and windy, and the implementation can be area based (being a section of streets that are linked together by location). Riding bikes must become more attractive for all, whether young or old. Electric bikes are already contributing to this space.</p>
<p>Will you support measures, such as lowering speeds on residential and village shopping streets, and installing safe, separated bike paths to create a safer and more liveable environment for residents and visitors who want to ride bikes to get around the eastern suburbs?</p>	<p>Yes. I have supported and will continue to support the adopting of 40kmh speed limit ion Waverley residential streets.</p>	<p>Yes. Many areas South of Bondi road have been approved to be lowered to 40 KM. This is a great idea for pedestrians and cyclists.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Absolutely, where appropriate.</p>	<p>Absolutely, as already indicated.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the completion of the Curlewis Street cycleway connecting Bondi Beach to Bondi Junction (via Birriga Road) and to Rose Bay Wharf (via O'Sullivan Rd)?</p>	<p>Yes - with enthusiasm.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>If the feasibility study and reports demonstrate safety to all road users and pedestrians the. I will most definitely support such infrastructure.</p>	<p>Absolutely, as already indicated.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the design and development of a separated cycleway on Macpherson Street from Bronte Beach to Queens' Park?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Same as my previous answer. If the feasibility study and reports demonstrate safety to all road users and pedestrians the. I will most definitely support such infrastructure</p>	<p>Yes, subject to tech. and impact assessments.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the design and development of a north-south separated cycleway link connecting Bondi Junction to Randwick via Bronte Rd and Albion Street?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Yes</p>	<p>Same as my previous answer. If the feasibility study and reports demonstrate safety to all road users and pedestrians the. I will most definitely support such infrastructure</p>	<p>Yes, subject to tech. and impact assessments.</p>
<p>Do you support taking actions to implement the NSW Government policies on walking and cycling in the Waverley LGA and, if you are elected, how will you or the group you represent support these policies? (Provide examples of projects and programs you will actively support)</p>	<p>Yes - I will work to implement Waverley's Bicycle Strategic Action Plan.</p>	<p>Yes (see above)</p>	<p>Yes, see above</p>	<p>There have been many instances where I had voted in support of cycling infrastructure when members of all political parties voted against it. I will continue to vote independently and with my conscience because, as an experienced cyclist and knowing the benefits first-hand, I will continue to provide a strong voice for the cycling community.</p>	<p>I support improvements to safe and more attractive cycling and walkability, and hence would be happy to consider all opportunities to achieve this in Waverley.</p>

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Full name and party affiliation →	Dominic WY Kanak - The Greens - Bondi Ward, Waverley Council Elaine Keenan, Ludovico Fabiano (submitted by Mora Main)	
↓ Questions to candidates	(also #2 Masha Kovner and #3 Colin Charlton)	
<p>People living in or visiting your area face significant challenges that deter them from riding bikes to get around - including children and women. What steps will you take to improve cycling infrastructure in your area so that people of all ages and abilities would feel safe riding their bikes to get around?</p>	<p>The Greens on Waverley Council established a Bicycle Advisory Committee in March 2018. Through this and working with BIKEast we will continue to promote provision of cycling infrastructure across the LGA with links to surrounding council areas, parks, local schools and services centres, and the CBD.</p>	
<p>Transport is the largest source of Australian carbon dioxide emissions (25%). Physical inactivity is the 4th leading cause of deaths in Australia. What role do you think cycling can play in tackling the urgent climate and health crises we face?</p>	<p>Cycling as transport is ideal for most short trips and also for longer ones. The advent of E-bikes makes climbing hills less daunting for commuters and recreational cyclists. The better air quality and quieter roads through the pandemic has shown the vital role of cycling in providing healthy exercise in the outdoors, avoiding crowded trains and buses. More safe cycling infrastructure would see this trend continue, improving health, air quality and community enjoyment. This new "normal" could be much better for human fitness and environmental health.</p>	<p>The Greens on Waverley Council have been responsible for establishing a Bicycle Advisory Committee. Through this and working with BIKEast we will continue to promote provision of cycling infrastructure across the LGA with links to surrounding LGAs, the Parklands, local schools and services centres, and the City of Sydney.</p> <p>Cycling as transport is ideal for short trips, and with the advent of E-bikes, climbing hills can be less daunting for commuters and recreational cyclists in the eastern suburbs. Through the pandemic, better air quality and quieter roads has seen the vital role of cycling in providing healthy exercise in the outdoors, avoiding crowded trains and buses. Safe cycling infrastructure could see this trend continue, improving health, air quality and community enjoyment. This new "normal" would be much better for human fitness and</p>
<p>Will you support measures, such as lowering speeds on residential and village shopping streets, and installing safe, separated bike paths to create a safer and more liveable environment for residents and visitors who want to ride bikes to get around the eastern suburbs?</p>	<p>Waverley has been progressively decreasing speed limits on residential streets, though this is being resisted by Liberal councillors. Speed limits of 40kph or lower is more compatible to road cycling speeds, making everyone safer. The Greens believe that 30 km speed limits would be suitable for most of Waverley's residential streets.</p>	<p>The delight of seeing adults with strings of kids on mountain bikes moving around the footpaths of our LGA to visit parks and beaches has seen the potential for providing safe bikeways for everyone. Kids riding bikes encourages bike handling skills for lifetime commitment to cycling. Low speed streets, ideally at 30 kmh, is more compatible to road cycling speeds, making everyone safer. 30 km speed limits are suitable for most of Waverley's residential streets.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the completion of the Curlewis Street cycleway connecting Bondi Beach to Bondi Junction (via Birriga Road) and to Rose Bay Wharf (via O'Sullivan Rd)?</p>	<p>Yes. We have supported this link for many years.</p>	<p>Yes, and we will work with Woollahra Councillors to achieve these sensible transport alternatives to buses and cars on overcrowded Old South Head and Bondi Roads from the beach to Bondi Junction. The Martin's Avenue route should also be improved for cycling.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the design and development of a separated cycleway on Macpherson Street from Bronte Beach to Queens' Park?</p>	<p>Yes. This corridor is ideal for bikes.</p>	<p>Yes, this has been a poorly recognised cycle route for many years. The grades are good and this corridor is ideal for bikes.</p>
<p>Will you vote in Council to support the design and development of a north-south separated cycleway link connecting Bondi Junction to Randwick via Bronte Rd and Albion Street?</p>	<p>Generally yes, but the area of Charing Cross shops may require different treatment.</p>	<p>In some parts of this route a Shared Zone 10 kmh speed may be an option eg through Charing Cross; following the ridge line from Bondi Junction to Randwick would give a realistic cycle route and take it through commercial centres which would benefit greatly from cycle custom. Carrington Road should not be considered as an optional bypass to Bronte Road in Charing Cross.</p>
<p>Do you support taking actions to implement the NSW Government policies on walking and cycling in the Waverley LGA and, if you are elected, how will you or the group you represent support these policies? (Provide examples of projects and programs you will actively support)</p>	<p>Yes. As above we support development of vital links and TfNSW policies to include cycling and walking in any road improvements. We would also support more pedestrian "scatter crossings" and more priority to be given to pedestrians. The Martins Avenue cycle route needs to prioritise cyclist safety - it's presently a rat-run for motorists avoiding Old South Head Rd.</p>	<p>As above we will support vital links and TfNSW policies to include cycling and walking in any road improvements. We would also support pedestrian "scatter crossings" for difficult intersections such as Victoria Street / Carrington Road / Bronte Road at Charing Cross.</p>