

JANE WARD

Your only true independent



Last on the ballot
First on the issues

- Fix the Parking Fiasco
- Stop the Over-development
- Reform the Council

HOW TO VOTE

in the wangal/rozelle/lilyfield ward

Saturday 27th March 2004

- vote below the line

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WARD,
Jane
INDEPENDENT

- complete your vote below the line by putting

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 next to the candidates of your own choice.

Make your vote
Fully independent

- Improve Public Transport & Traffic Management
- Promote Community Needs, Values & Services

Jane has lived in White Bay for thirty years, raising three children, participating in community life and campaigning for open space, facilities for children, the disabled and the elderly, proper planning, pollution control, heritage protection, public transport and the equitable treatment of all residents.

Jane has a B.A.(Hons) and a Diploma in Secondary Teaching. For the past 14 years she has been the Co-ordinator of Lone Parent Family Support Service. She was a founding member of Punch Park People, President of the Balmain Association for 7 years, a Committee member of the Urban Planning and Environment Coalition and a tireless Community leader in the ongoing campaigns for foreshore and regional open space. Jane has been a Director of KU Children's Services for 18 years and is on the Finance and Marketing committees. She is the President-elect of the Balmain Rotary Club.

She is passionate about the environment - wilderness and urban - and about democracy and the accountability of government. She believes that cities can, and must, be made pleasant, livable and environmentally harmonious. Jane's local achievements include safe, fun children's playgrounds in Gladstone Park, Punch Park and Easton Park, pedestrian crossings in Mullens Street and the establishment of precinct committees.

Fix the Parking Fiasco

- Council's money-grabbing, inconsistent and punitive parking policies and practices need to be stopped.
- Shopkeepers are losing customers, especially locals, and residents in nearby, unmetered streets are being parked out by shoppers and commuters avoiding meters. Stress levels are high and there is a growing feeling that Council sees every car spot as a revenue earner and is heading towards parking meters in all streets. So...
- Remove all meters.
- Conduct street by street consultations with residents to reach consensus on parking arrangements with the amenity of residents paramount, not fees and fines.
- Block "through commuter" day parking.

Stop the Over-development

- No more housing on public land.
- Keep and protect urban wildlife corridors.
- Secure a State funded Callan Park Trust and a White Bay Trust, similar to the Centennial Park Trust.
- Provide more pocket parks e.g. at the corner of George and Evans Streets, Rozelle.
- Reduce new housing density to a municipality-wide standard of 0.5 Floor Space Ratio (currently ranging to over 0.7 in Balmain and east Rozelle).
- Increase offroad car space requirements per new unit.

Reform the Council

- Improve Council's operations and accountability through:
- All voting to be on the record and reported to the public.
- Revenue raised (rates, section 94, fees, fines) and expenditure to be reported on a per area basis.
- Regular reporting on complaints/feedback from the public.
- Street cleaning and park maintenance schedules to be included on Council's annual fridge calendar waste collection timetable.
- All council job descriptions and pays to be published.
- Ranger service to be overhauled (Are rangers "on duty" while at home in Liverpool or Penrith?) A more responsive, less bureaucratic ranger service would relieve the police of duties that are not their responsibility.
- No spending on matters outside the municipality.
- Less spending on glossy advertising and "spin doctoring."
- More spending on fundamental amenities, like safe footpaths.
- More efficient and transparent DA process.
- Faster approvals for home renovations.
- Childcare for residents who have to attend Council meetings.
- Meeting schedules to allow some flexibility for residents with conflicting commitments.

Improve Public Transport & Traffic Management

- Extend light rail to Leichhardt and Balmain with the option of a future underground link to Gladstone Park.
- Bring ferries into White Bay and Rozelle Bay.
- Increase and extend bus services, with better links to trains and ferries.
- Re-open Booth Street to Roberts Street to provide much-needed relief for Mullens, Reynolds, Wortley, Ennis, Hyam and Buchanan Streets.
- Lobby for Anzac Bridge Underpass at White Bay.
- Enforcement of the 40 km/ph speed limit.
- Traffic calming in dangerous streets e.g. Wortley, Elliot, Cambridge, Oxford and Park Streets.
- Safe, separate passageways for pedestrians and cyclists, e.g. remove billboard blind spot, at the corner of Victoria Road and Robert St.
- More pedestrian crossings e.g. in Mullens Street near the Exchange Hotel.
- Remove the ugly Telstra Exchange building beside Balmain Post Office, adding a grass verge and a turning lane from Montague Street to Darling Street.

Promote Community Needs, Values & Services

- Keep Balmain Hospital, linked with local mental health and geriatric facilities, including retirement accommodation accessible to public transport and with priority access for long-term residents.
- Keep the pensioner rates rebate.
- Keep and improve our public housing supply.
- Establish a Graffiti Register for the immediate removal by Council from public and private property.
- Provide a Graffiti Art Wall in each suburb.
- Provide active, affordable sporting facilities (basketball, tennis, cricket nets, skateboarding) in White Bay and Orange Grove.
- Build a public swimming pool in White Bay.
- Provide safe spots for fishing and for launching dinghies.
- Set up more off-leash areas for dogs, with drinking water and more frequent Council cleaning.
- Establish childcare centres in White Bay and Lilyfield.
- Reduce pollution (air, noise and visual).
- Put electricity wiring underground in all areas.
- Promote energy conservation.
- No tunnels without priority for public transport AND total filtration of fumes.
- Better street lighting, progressively solar powered.
- Heritage protection.
- Keep White Bay Power Station buildings.
- Keep our suburb names and boundaries.
- Accessible Post boxes for the elderly and disabled.
- Commitment to EEO, OH&S and anti-discrimination.

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