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**DOOLEY,  
James**

The last 4 years have been busy and the City of Frankston is starting to thrive. I have taken an interest in the oversight of our Budget Sessions to reduce our Operating Costs, support Economic Development and the provision of infrastructure in partnership with other levels of government. I have worked to improve efficiencies by pushing for better contractual outcomes, that is, we have a better service at a lower price. There are important projects that I would like to see completed such as the FDBA Basketball Stadium, the Karingal KFNC Clubrooms and the full rollout of a CCTV Network in the Frankston CAD and at the Belvedere Shops to help create a Safer City. Council needs to work on Planning Scheme amendments to strengthen the character of our neighbourhoods from in-fill Multi-Unit developments and increase the provision of Car Parking within new Multi-Unit developments. I will work to protect the strengths of Frankston; that is the Beach, the Parks and the Streetscapes. I entered Council in 2012 and am the current Mayor of Frankston. My work history is as a Sales and Operations Manager in Mining and as a Retail Ironmonger. I am married with 4 Children.

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**O'CONNOR,  
Lillian**

Better known as Lillian OConnor in our community, I am a young working professional and have lived in Seaford for over 10 years. Outside my work, I volunteer with the Peninsula Community Legal Centre and Belvedere Park Tennis Club Committee. I love our local area. It is a special oasis and I am keen to keep it that way. It is time we focus on the things that matter to us. Together we can improve on public transport connections, upgrade local sporting grounds, reduce graffiti, vandalism and rubbish. I will make our neighbourhoods safer and cleaner, prevent overdevelopment and protect our creek, foreshore and wetlands. I am a strong advocate for holding our rates in check and spending on what matters most. It is important that the needs of elderly, youth, families and disabled individuals do not fall between the cracks. As your strong voice on Council, I will get the right results for our community. I am a "More Action, Less Talk" person. It is time to make our community a better place for all of us. I am the voice that North-West Ward needs. Vote 1 Lillian O'Connor, Vote 2 Kris Bolam. Together, we will make a difference.

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**BOLAM,  
Kris**

I am a Justice of the Peace and member of Victoria Police. Having previously served as a Mayor and Councillor, I was reluctant to nominate for public office again. However, it is all too clear that Council is failing us. Retirees, families and people on single incomes deserve more for their Rates in tough times. As your Councillor, I will confront the many challenges we face, including over-the-top Rates, inflated staff wages, ballooning debt, serious governance failures, reduced services and wasteful spending. As your Councillor, I will devote myself to ending the dysfunctional infighting between councillors. During my past service, I promoted transparency, accountability and fiscal responsibility, while opposing pay rises (and donated any increases to local charities), refused the mayoral limousine, met with residents afterhours, and singlehandedly proposed almost half of all policies raised by councillors. As your Councillor, I will be completely dedicated to ensuring Council cleans up its act and lives within its means, while encouraging job creation and improved public safety. It's not about talking - it's about doing. It's not about promising - it's about delivering. Let's make Frankston a truly better place! Vote 1 Kris Bolam, Vote 2 Lillian O'Connor. I hope to earn your vote.

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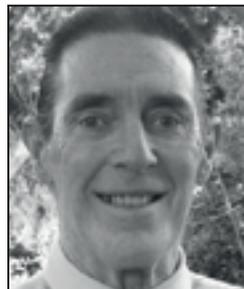


**HOUSTON,  
Claire**

I stand in this election as an independent candidate with no affiliations or bias and will listen to you and strive to address the issues that concern you. I am well acquainted with Council structure, administration and processes and with over 15 years in Seaford I have numerous links with the wider Frankston community. I am an active member of many local community groups. I stand for maintaining the neighbourhood character in our residential streets and shopping villages, controlling height, bulk and building design as a priority. I want to maintain the lifestyle we chose to live in Frankston for. I support all sports groups, including scouts and lifesavers. They are an integral part of the fabric of our city. I will work to keep our rates down and also towards paying down the unsustainable debt currently incurred by Frankston Council. I will ensure Council is more accountable for budget allocations and spending ensuring Council works for you, the Frankston people, in an effective and constructive manner. Let's have a Council that works cohesively together and stop the frittering of ratepayer funds on Councillor infighting. By voting for Claire Houston, you vote for an independent untiring voice for all residents.

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**SCHAEFER,  
William F.**

Make Frankston affordable again! Shave the rate rises. Lets ensure all people can meet the costs of living in our city. Ongoing rate hikes disadvantage ratepayers and tenants alike with upward pressure on rental levels. This year Council sought to cancel hard rubbish collection. I oppose any move to reduce this well patronised service. It should be provided twice annually. Green waste bins, at no extra cost, are integral to garden maintenance. Expenditure ought be geared towards health-based infrastructure for families and future residents regardless of wealth. We need to address inadequate bus routes and frequency, and broaden the network of safe bicycle tracks for everyone. Reducing Meals on Wheels etc. for our elders shows a lack of respect. Empathy requires we provide real job opportunities for young people and support employers in this goal. My previous community service involved parent rosters at Carrum Primary School, Grounds sub-committee Convenor, concluding as School Council President. Other voluntary work included working bees with Friends of Seaford Foreshore and founding of Peninsula Laid-back Underground Music Society (PLUMS) open stage event at Frankston North in 2013. If elected I will apply my efforts to keeping costs down and maintaining services for all residents.

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**HUGHES,  
Steven**

I am a father, a qualified accountant and are 100% politically independent. My vision for Frankston is a family friendly, dynamic city with better amenities, playgrounds and festivals. Better traffic management with the turning lane reintroduced at Moorooduc Hwy & Cranbourne Rd and a big no to Sky Rail. A more responsive, financially sound and service focused Frankston Council whose first priority is the community, not itself. And a safer Frankston with zero tolerance on crime and graffiti. Read more and contact me at [www.futurefrankston.com](http://www.futurefrankston.com)

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**HARDING,  
Sandra**

I'm not going to waste your time as I know your time is valuable. But it is clear that the Frankston Council is utterly incompetent. How can Frankston Council justify spending millions on fancy street art that has made no real difference? How did Frankston Council get itself into so many millions of debt? If it were a business, it would be declared insolvent. Self-funded retirees receive no discount on their council Rates, and this must change. I believe all footpaths in Frankston should be inspected every three months to ensure they are in good repair. Also, many people are unable to attend our libraries due to a number of reasons. I propose a bus service that transports interested residents to our libraries. These concerns are just a small example of the things the Frankston Council has not looked at in the past four years, and should seriously devote time and resources to. I ask for your vote, and to direct your second vote to fellow candidate Kris Bolam. We will work closely to make Frankston City Council accountable and accessible to each and every resident in our wonderful city. Vote 1 Sandra Harding, Vote 2 Kris Bolam

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**MORSE,  
Russell James**

Inner Melbourne Councils who practise urban renewal are rate wealthy because of high-rise developments and have good services such as better street lighting whilst Frankston struggle to keep services operating and has poor lighting such the dark spot in Cranbourne Road( Ballam Park) where a young lady was assaulted over four years ago after leaving the Homestead even though I asked questions of council at the time the dark spot still remains some buildings in the inner suburbs have more than 300 units or rooms which are all rateable properties Frankston needs cleaning up to end the era of corruption in drugs and rooming houses and in the residential courts I took action in writing to the Minister for Education and successfully kept the Karingal Heights Primary school open you should ask other candidates if they involved themselves in keeping the school opened or if they even knew it was to be closed Frankston is coined as a gateway to the Peninsular but it is only junction of roads make Frankston into a real gateway to the Peninsular by making Frankston a strong economic city by increasing population and therefore increasing business in the commercial area and the services industry

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**AITKEN,  
Glenn**

Frankston city is a rising star in Melbourne. There are thousands of volunteers. We have amazing natural reserves, beach and fascinating history. I was born in Frankston and educated at Monterey Tech, Frankston North. My parents Bruce and Joyce devoted their life to our community and I was brought up in a family dedicated to public service and justice. Local Councils are closest to communities, however they are often used by political parties for their own agenda with many politicians regrettably losing touch with the big issues such as the rising cost of living, homelessness, unemployment and education which in the real world impacts upon all of us, including Local Government. As an independent my first loyalty is to you. I maintain a fresh and challenging approach and have one of the highest meeting attendances along with one of the lowest expense records in Greater Melbourne. I work to uphold our community, going beyond usual duties, for example successfully preventing an unscrupulous attempt to falsely extract money from an elderly woman. Fundraising for the homeless. Better Town Planning. Keeping the household hard-waste collection. Improved community centres and more. I speak up for what is right. Please vote Aitken 1. Independent.

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**SPELMAN,  
Rebekah**

For the past 4 years, I've tried to create a reputation for being approachable, honest, genuine and friendly. It's who I am, and I want everyone to know the real me. I believe in respect, truth, integrity and responsibility. I believe in not being afraid to make the hard decisions and having the backbone to own those decisions, but also in recognising when you're wrong and admitting it. I believe that everyone is worthy of being heard. As your councillor I've worked hard to represent your views and make this city what we all want it to be, and I will always do that to the best of my ability. For me, being your representative is not about my own ego or fulfilling a personal agenda. Yes, I want safer streets, fairer rates and outstanding community services for everyone and I will work hard to achieve those things, but it's just as much about supporting the individuals, the smaller communities and the grass roots programs that benefit our people. Most of all it's about being your true voice - we all deserve to be heard and we all deserve a city we can be proud of.

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**MINIFIE,  
Tasma**

I am proud to stand as an endorsed Greens candidate. If elected I will listen to the community and make decisions in everyone's best interest. I moved into the area after being attracted by the proximity to the Bay and beautiful parklands. I want to protect these assets through ethical and sustainable planning and development. I'm standing for the Greens because they share my values. I'm deeply committed to ecological sustainability, social justice and grassroots democracy. I come from a background in project management and disability support work. I believe Frankston Council would benefit from my commitment to transparency, as well as my ability to listen effectively and work collaboratively. I'll be accountable and open with our community, and work hard to build trust in Council. For more information visit <http://greens.org.au/candidate/vic/tasma-minifie>. Vote [1] Tasma Minifie to put our community ahead of vested interests.

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**REDMAN,  
Daniel**

Frankston deserves better. I know what you're thinking, not another council candidate with empty promises. I know you have seen it before. I understand this because I've seen it before. I love living in Frankston, its where I met my wife and where we have chosen to raise our three children. I've met many families in Frankston, Karingal and Seaford who also love living in this beautiful city, however, there is something that always gets mentioned, Frankston and the current council needs to change. It's time for a fresh face with a fresh approach. If given the opportunity to serve, I am committed to: making Frankston safer through a zero tolerance policy to drugs and anti-social behaviour in our community, building local employment through supporting employers and employees, responsible spending of ratepayers money and totally opposing any rate increases above inflation, without cutting services and a commonsense approach to decision making. Having been involved in numerous non-profit community organisations boards such as a local School Council and Rotary, I understand the importance of being consultative, co-operative and not least, providing strong leadership. It's time for change, Frankston deserves better so vote 1 Redman



**HILL,  
Brad**

Hi - Im Brad Hill - Im a father of five and a Frankston resident. Im about workers, families, pensioners and every day people. I work full time to support my family, and pay my rates - and I dont like where our hard earned money is being spent. Council has spent \$14,000 for each bench seats in Wells St, \$10m on a yacht club and councillors spending \$47,000 on personal expenses - \$6300 on mobile phone calls - with no action taken! We have seen bullying, infighting and bad behaviour enough is enough - we need to focus on the basics with a return to common sense. I understand that \$2000 rates notices put a huge strain on the household budget, I want families, pensioners and low income earners to know their representatives are putting that money to good use addressing the issues that matter most to them. We need a good relationship between our council, the state and federal governments, not a confrontational one. Frankston deserves to be a premier bayside suburb. With appropriate and sustainable development, I believe it can. Whether it be all fibre NBN or encouraging commercial investment. If you feel the same way, I would be thankful for your vote.