

Women feature on a team of diverse local candidates

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THREE courageous and dedicated local women have been selected to stand on a Hunters Hill Council election ticket led by Deputy Mayor Mark Bennett and endorsed by retiring Mayor Richard Quinn.

Councillor Justine McLaughlin and Sophie Hunt will represent the team in South Ward and Elizabeth Krassoï will represent the team in North Ward.

They urge voters to consider the “unique perspective” that local women bring to the local area and the common path they walk with mums, grandmums and young aspiring single women.

“From a womens’ perspective what Sophie, Elizabeth and I bring to this election are the insights and expertise of highly educated women who are also volunteers active in our community,” Clr McLaughlin said.

“We live in the local area and represent families who understand how important it is that our playgrounds need to be improved.

“We also shop in the local area .. I shop in Gladesville, for example .. so I understand how important it is for our shopping villages to be enhanced.”

Elizabeth Krassoï is well known to voters through her passionate work to pioneer the Hunters Hill Street Feast at the Hunters Hill Village.

The Street Feast is now an annual event at the Hunters Hill Village shops and attracts tens of thousands of hungry locals.

Justine, Sophie and Elizabeth are just as passionate about maintaining Hunters Hill's arts events.

"Hunters Hill has become a destination for the Arts and the Arts is our passion from art exhibitions in the Town Hall to the Harbour Sculptures at Clarke's Point and the public art in the Hunters Hill village," Justine said.

"One of the greatest rewards for me, personally, on Hunters Hill Council was being able to find an alternative venue for the Hunters Hill Theatre," she added.

The Bennett/McLaughlin Team also appreciate that Hunters Hill has a significant aged community and that the Council needs to maintain its traditional and compassionate role of community care.

"There will be no drop in community services if our team is elected, that's a promise," Justine said.

"As someone who cared for an aged grandmother before I joined the council I understand the unique needs of many aged residents and how strongly they rely on the services provided by Hunters Hill Council."

Justine is a renowned local barrister and both Sophie and Elizabeth bring a strong understanding of small business to Council.

"Every member of our team brings a unique skill and knowledge to this election and I'm particularly impressed by Bassam Batshon's knowledge of roads and footpaths," Justine said.

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