

Grassroots community worker, Dave Fagg, to run for Whipstick Ward in upcoming City of Greater Bendigo elections

Local community worker Dave Fagg has announced that he will run for a seat in the Whipstick Ward in the upcoming City of Greater Bendigo Council elections. Mr Fagg has launched an online survey and will be embarking on a two-month community listening campaign to hear people's concerns in the lead-up to the elections to be held in October 2020.

"I want the neighbourhoods of the Whipstick Ward to be safe and vibrant places, where people love to live, work, and raise their families," Mr Fagg said.

Mr Fagg is conducting a community listening campaign over the next two months in the lead-up to the election. He will be contacting community leaders and business owners across the different neighbourhoods that make up with Whipstick Ward, and will also set up street stalls across the ward to give residents an opportunity to talk to him about their concerns.

He is also inviting the community to give him feedback on their concerns via an online survey on his website until the end of August.

"I believe that a local Councillor's role is to listen to the concerns of their community, and then enable them to take action on the things that matter most to them," Mr Fagg said.

In launching his campaign, Mr Fagg listed his priorities as:

- Advocating for fair council spending across the whole of Greater Bendigo.
- Revitalising recreational reserves and open spaces.
- Supporting local businesses.
- Supporting young people and families.
- Being a grassroots voice for local residents and volunteer organisations.

Mr Dave Fagg is a father of two who has worked as a teacher, youth worker, and community worker in the Long Gully and Eaglehawk communities for the past 15 years.

“I’ve loved working with people to establish a local community centre, a community garden, youth programs, a toy library, networking initiatives, and a food program. I now want to use these skills to serve the wider Whipstick Ward,” Mr Fagg said.

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Mr Fagg is available for media interviews and photo opportunities upon request.

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BACKGROUND - About Mr Dave Fagg

Mr Dave Fagg has worked as a teacher, youth worker, and community worker in the Long Gully and Eaglehawk communities for 15 years.

Mr Fagg currently works at St Matthew’s Church as a community worker, and is the President of the School Council at Violet Street Primary School. Before his current role, he was a teacher at Eaglehawk Secondary College.

Mr Fagg is 43 years old and has lived in Long Gully since 2005. He is married to Kylie, and they have two young sons.

Mr Fagg is not a member of any political party and this is his first campaign to become a Councillor.