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Bring Back Ward Meetings to Whipstick

Council candidate Dave Fagg is calling for the return of ward meetings in Bendigo, calling them an “essential method of local democracy.”

A Whipstick Ward candidate says he will push for regular ward meetings in the Whipstick Ward if he is elected. Mr Fagg said he was concerned that residents did not get enough opportunity to give feedback or discuss ward-related issues.

“In this last term of council, ward meetings have been replaced by informal listening posts outside supermarkets or community facilities. These are useful, but ward meetings provide a more intentional time for feedback and accountability.”

Mr Fagg recognised that under current Covid-19 restrictions, face to face ward meetings would be impossible. However, he said that online ward meetings could be held until small groups were allowed to meet.

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Mr Fagg is available for media interviews and photo opportunities upon request. Photos are also available on David Fagg’s website at <https://davefagg.com.au/media/>.

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