

Questionnaire to Candidates 2011 Wollongong LGA Elections

Name of Candidate: **Greg Petty – Independent Lord Mayor – Ward 1 Councillor** Contact: (0407) 473 889

Please circle the most appropriate answer

1. Are you a bicycle user or cyclists?
Casual recreational rider Competitive rider Ride occasionally Don't cycle
2. Are you a member of a cycling club or organization? Yes No

3. Do you agree that bicycle riders are legitimate road users?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
4. Do you support council allocating the funding to complete the initiatives of the City of Wollongong Bicycle plan?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
5. Do you support council actively participating in cycling safety and education programs?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
6. Do you support the reestablishment of a bicycle committee within the council that includes representation of cycling groups to oversee and prioritise the rollout of the Wollongong Bicycle plan?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
7. Do you support the registration of bicycles to fund cycling infrastructure
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
8. Do you support a coordinated and planned approach to infrastructure development that incorporates cycling infrastructure as an important component of transport planning?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
9. Do you Support the provision of shared paths and or cycleways as an integral part of all real estate developments?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
10. Do you support a 10k speed limit for all bicycles on shared use paths
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
11. Do you support the completion of the around Lake Illawarra Shared Use Cycle Path?
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree
12. Do you support the NSW Bike Plan and its objectives (Visit www.bicycleinfo.nsw.gov.au)
Strongly Agree. Agree Disagree Strongly Disagree

The Around Lake Illawarra Shared Use Cycle Path has been identified as a prime opportunity to increase tourism and provide for the fastest growing region in the Illawarra. How will you assist in progressing the construction of the missing section of the Shared Use Cycle Path between Fred Finch Park and Kanahooka?

"A cycle way around Lake Illawarra is a must for tourism, local and state events, and healthy living for the Illawarra population. That is the Councils of Kiama, Shellharbour and Wollongong should form a task force with IBUG and other organisations to plan, fund and execute completion of the pathway. Clearly there is a "carbon credit" possibility here and applications should be made for National and State grants."

With around 52% of the 25,000 students and staff at Wollongong University living within a 5 kilometre radius of the university what actions will you take to provide a bicycle network to enable students, staff and the wider community to safely cycle to university and other destinations in the city.

"Again this is a community project and Wollongong Council does not have east - west cycleways on their three year forward program. That is why Ray Robinson is going to the community for the Towradgi Beach to Town cycle - pathway. Again development and funding has to be a joint cooperation among Council, university, grants sponsors, Illawarra Business Chamber, and bicycle organisations.

I am also wanting to have east - west cycle - pathways Princes Highway town centres to link with the very popular existing north - south cycleway.

Clearly on both of the above points, as Lord Mayor or Councillor, I will be asking you to come with concept plans and the resource strength that you can bring to this exciting development."

In a few words please provide further comments on your commitment to cycling

Greg Petty, a Lord Mayoral Candidate announced 12 August 2011 today that Ray Robinson, an Independent Councillor candidate for Ward One, had been planning and networking for the development of a cycle-walkway from Towradgi Beach to the Corrimal Town Centre. This project was first mooted in a submission to the Corrimal Town Centre Revitalization Strategy in 2009.

The proposed cycle-walkway follows the southern bank of Towradgi Creek from the Cycleway at Towradgi Beach west to an underpass under the railway bridge and then follows a northern arm through the southern edge of Ziems Park and terminates at the Princes Highway near the Shopping Centre.

"I have written to Council and a number of service clubs and a member of the Illawarra Bicycling Users Group (IBUG) has inspected the route. Neighbourly Committee Four also supports the proposal" Ray said.

Given that Wollongong has not included East – West funding of cycleways in its next three year budget, Ray is hoping to make this a community project soliciting grants and corporate support.

Ray stated *"Some of the funding could be allocated to training and employing youth, creating environmentally sustainable and tourist attracting infrastructure"*.

Ray Robinson is a member of the Greg Petty Independent Team for Ward 1.

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Signature: ***G. A. Petty***

Date: **15 Aug 2011**