

## Cr Oscar Yildiz JP

Local Government (LG) is the closest to the community and as we rebuild in the face of one of the greatest challenges of our lifetime COVID-19, strong independent leadership matters more than ever. Our dynamic cities and towns are facing unprecedented times requiring us to refocus and lead with clarity and stability.



I have served as Mayor (twice), Deputy Mayor, Councillor and MAV delegate for 13 years and it was an honour to be selected to the LG Ministers Advisory Panel to provide strategic advice on our sector. I've always demonstrated honesty without ambiguity, led with consistent and reliable communications and delivered on all my promises.

### Who Am I?

- I was born and raised in Melbourne and in the late 70's I lived on a farm in Murray Bridge, South Australia for 8 years. My wife Sylvia operates her own small business in Moreland and both our daughters are students. Elisa is in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year of Psychology while Lara is completing year 12 at St Columba's College, Essendon.
- I currently work as a Secondary Teacher and I have over 24 years' experience in Education and Training. Furthermore my corporate Training business Educall Training Solutions won the Australian and Victorian Small Business Championship Awards for the category of Educational Services.
- My qualifications include a Bachelor Degree in Social Sciences, the Diploma in Education, Diploma of Business Frontline Management, Diploma in Retail Management and I've completed short courses including the Certificate IV in Training and Assessment, Level 3 First Aid and many others.
- I'm a Justice of the Peace, a White Ribbon Ambassador, a member of Rotary and Lions, a LaTrobe University Distinguished Alumni, a graduate of the Institute of Company Directors and I've served on many Boards including:
  - Coburg Football Club - (Affiliate to Richmond FC).
  - Moreland Energy Foundation Limited (MEFL)
  - Bully Zero Australia Foundation (Co-founder, Anti-Bullying Charity).

Furthermore, I've served on the Australian Taxation Office Micro business partnership forum.

### Why Vote For Me?

- I will ensure that I remain committed to the role full-time and for me that is 16 hours//7 days a week. I will not maintain another position except my Councillor role. If elected I will not contest the Mayorly.
- I understand the challenges and opportunities in LG and I bring to this role integrity, knowledge, experience, responsiveness and passion.
- I'm an independent Councillor. With me, what you see is what you get, there are no hidden agendas, factional links, party politics or fluff.
- My track record demonstrates that I've always defended and stood up for LG when opportunities present. We are as strong as our weakest link, for me it's about the entire sector and I regularly appear on various media organisations defending LG.
- I'm the lateral thinker who possesses excellent communication, interpersonal, organisational, management and networking skills. I'm the proven networker who has the ability to draw a crowd and ensure relationships are developed and maintained.
- I have a genuine desire to support and improve relationships and I will support the Board and delegates.
- I have an infectious positive attitude, I'm self-motivated, have exceptional drive, initiative and a can do approach.
- My colleagues and friends respect my friendly personable nature, problem solving and analytical skills, as well as my hands on approach to tasks and my ability to complete projects professionally, timely and diligently

- I'm the transformational leader who has experience with change and organisational management, the individual who can lead, network, influence, engage and build instant rapport with people of all backgrounds.

## If Elected As Your President?

- I pledge to:
  - Be available to attend and report on behalf of the sector at regional meetings or assemblies of Councils from across the state.
  - Personally visit every Council starting with regional/country areas first upon being elected.
  - Be accountable and answerable to the Board and Delegates.
  - Develop a structured program for our recovery from COVID that supports our residents, businesses, community and sporting clubs to thrive again.
  - Seek opportunities to provide regular (monthly) opinion pieces/columns in "defence of LG" with mainstream media and I will be available for regular radio segments, championing the efforts and value of LG, with a view of increasing and improving the image of LG. I want to raise the reputation of LG to restore and enhance respectability and integrity to our sector.
  - Use my networks to build and establish strategic alliances.
  - Lobby the State Government to ensure Councillor Remuneration is appropriate and I will do everything I can to attract more State and Federal Government funding to our sector.
  - Build the business case highlighting the draconian restrictive impacts of rate-capping upon some our communities.
  - Undertake consultation with newly elected Councillors to construct training courses that they require and not offer training based upon assumptions.
  - Reinstate the "weekly" distribution of the MAV Bulletin.
  - Engage and work effectively with the Board to ensure there is a one-team culture.
  - If elected President through ALGA I will continually champion the case of a greater share of Federal Assistance Grants to the LG sector.
  - I will be your trusted independent voice, to listen, reflect and focus on delivering outcomes that are in the best interests of our communities by actively listening and gaining your feedback for improvements.

Councillor, you can change the face of LG for the better. I'm not all talk and I like to roll up my sleeves and get things done.

If elected I will serve you with authenticity, integrity, passion and sheer dedication. I will advocate for the issues that matter and for me it's always been about what I can do for others.

I'm that, friendly, approachable, motivated, professional Councillor who is humble and mature, the innovative, inspirational and instrumental leader who has the ability to develop, lead, coach, empower and successfully manage and promote a one team culture.

I won't take your vote for granted and the position of MAV President lightly. I will be your independent voice, the responsible, sincere and respectful President who will treat all members without fear or favour.

It would be an absolute honour to represent you and if you would like to discuss my candidacy further please don't hesitate to contact me anytime on: 0413 850 357.

I look forward to your support - please make your vote count.