



gleneiraneWS



Youth empowerment high on Camden Ward Councillor's agenda

Councillor Dan Sztrajt is a true '3161' boy. The Bialik College Assistant Principal and teacher of VCE Global Politics has lived in Camden Ward for more than 30 years.

The married father of two — and one on the way — is proud to live in such an ethnically diverse community.

"One only needs to observe Glen Eira City Council's powerfully uplifting citizenship ceremonies to recognise that our community is living proof of the success of multiculturalism in Australia."

Cr Sztrajt studied his undergraduate degrees at Monash University and began his Masters at Melbourne University.

"I have also studied in Israel and Perth, and worked for a short period at the University of New South Wales in Sydney," he said.

The absence of youth representation formed a big part of Cr Sztrajt's drive to run for Council.

"After attending a number of Council

consultation events in the past, I was very concerned at the absence of youth representation," he said.

"A significant aspect of my running for Council was the inclusion of young residents taking an active role in my campaign.

"More than 20 students and young adults aged 15 to 30 years were encouraged to form my campaign policy and actually build a campaign strategy.

"My hope has always been to demonstrate to younger residents the many pathways one can take toward communal involvement.

"Hopefully, a few students will even be motivated to run in the future."

Creating a safe community; ensuring greater support for local volunteer groups, youth and sporting clubs; protecting the City's environment; and opening up new open spaces are just some of the other issues that Cr Sztrajt is passionate about.

"Opposing inappropriate development is also high on my agenda," he said.

"I have routinely taken a stance against developments that seek to find loopholes and exemptions from our community's planning guidelines.

"I see my role as protecting the very amenity that makes Glen Eira such a wonderful place to live."



Cr Sztrajt at Party in the Park at Princes Park.
Photo: Michele Cruz-Marshall.