

Additional Information

I'm Lewis Todman. I'm a student teacher, a long time community activist, a local renter, and a member of WA Socialists. I'm running for South Ward because we need a local council that will fight for our community, not the interests of big developers.

I have rented in Maylands for over five years and I am passionate about housing equality. In the City of Bayswater, rents have increased by more than 75% for houses and nearly 85% for units. In response to the housing crisis we need the council to actively fight for more affordable and public housing. Council should also place restrictions on the conversion of rental properties into short term accommodation and raise rates on vacant properties.

The cost of living crisis continues to put pressures on residents too. If elected, I will fight for more investment in public libraries, affordable childcare, and community facilities. In doing this the council can play a real part in alleviating these pressures.

I believe that the council needs to take a stand on the big issues in addition to the local. Bayswater council must oppose the genocide in Gaza, divest from those companies complicit and put pressure on the federal government to place sanctions on Israel. I will also fight to make sure that Bayswater is a place that welcomes everyone and will stand up for LGBTI rights, migrants, and refugees.

We need stronger environmental action too. Bayswater's tree canopy must be expanded. I'll back greening initiatives, protect spaces like Maylands Lakes, and support real climate resilience.

I want to fight for our council to take real action. If elected, I will be a councillor who puts the needs of people before profit in Bayswater.