2026 Hawthorn Candidates Forum Update

In the lead-up to Victoria's State Election this November, it's important for our community to have the facts on climate and energy front-of-mind.

To help the Hawthorn community understand where their candidates stand on these critical issues, Lighter Footprints has invited all major candidates for the District of Kew to speak directly to our community on climate and energy.

If we want to:

- Help Victorians stay safe from extreme weather
- Preserve our beloved natural landscapes and biodiversity
- Enable Victoria's energy system to deliver more affordable, sustainable power to our communities; and
- Keep our cities and communities cooler and safer in a warming world

We need a State Government with a strong, science-driven strategy on climate and energy.

At this nonpartisan public information evening, our community can hear directly from their candidates about their policies on these important issues.

Each candidate in attendance will address the audience about their climate and energy policy platform. All candidates will then participate in a moderated Q&A session and answer questions from the audience.

Moderator - Jono La Nauze

Jono La Nauze is the CEO of Environment Victoria, and past Executive Director of peak body Climate Action Network Australia, and will act as the expert moderator.

Candidate Attendance Updates

So far, the following major candidates have confirmed their attendance: Clive Crosby (Labor); Shima Ibuki (Community Independent); John Pesutto (Liberal); and Kylie Rocha (Greens). One Nation candidate Paul Pribilovics has been invited.

Please join us at 7 for 7:30pm on Wednesday October 4th at the Hawthorn Arts Centre for this free public information evening.
RSVP here.