

Community Alliance of Port Phillip Principles

The Community Alliance of Port Phillip (CAPP) was formed in 1998 and is a Port Phillip wide network of hundreds of residents local campaigning for a strong, democratic and progressive local government and community based on the following principles:¹

Representation and Governance

- Representative and participatory local government characterised by openness, accessibility and transparency.
- Ensuring that Councillors have the capacity to fulfil a genuinely representative role, and that advisory and participatory structures enable an active role of residents in the governance of Port Phillip.
- Enhancing and valuing voluntary contributions, community organisations, the strengthening of civil society, and the cultural richness of Port Phillip.
- Leadership in community participation, strategic planning and advocacy to other levels of government and accountability to the community.
- Strategic alliances with other governments and agencies, and community organisations elsewhere in Victoria and Australia, and when necessary challenging state and federal government policies.
- CAPP will be both politically independent from, and will cooperate with, other associations and supportive political parties to further the objectives and policies of the Association.

Justice and Equity

- Respect for the culture and heritage of indigenous Australians and engagement with the local indigenous community as participants in decision-making.
- Community development and service provision respecting ethnic, linguistic, and religious diversity compatible with human rights and equality of opportunity.
- Delivery of co-operative, accountable and responsive community services, informed by social justice principles, prioritising need over capacity to pay and minimising user pay pricing practices.
- Direct provision and continuous enhancement by Council of human services including child care, aged care, maternal and child health centres, and libraries.
- All residents, including the homeless and people engaged in sex work, have a right to feel safe and be safe on the streets and in the community.

Environment and Transport

- Recognition of climate change as the greatest threat facing the global environment must inform city development and planning, including management of the coastline, vegetation and biodiversity, and buildings and infrastructure.

- Sustained protection of all open space within the municipality and continued opposition to the conduct of the Grand Prix in Albert Park.
- Architecturally excellent residential, commercial and infrastructural planning and development consistent with social access and affordability and environmental sustainability, and retention of significant social and built heritage.
- Exploration of policy and legal options, and continued campaigning, to ensure appropriate use of the Triangle site.
- Extension and more efficient delivery of public transport for residents and visitors to ease congestion, improve environmental sustainability and all-round liveability.
- Comprehensive municipal programs for reducing, reusing and recycling commercial and residential waste. Innovative water retention and recycling programs and exemplary management to address water level and flow issues.

Housing

- Publicly-funded community and social housing, and affordable mixed housing development incentives and other policies to relieve accommodation pressures and social exclusion and disadvantage.
- Focus on the energy sustainability issues confronting the 60% of the city's population living in apartments.

Economic and Cultural Development

- Municipal economic development which promotes local employment across all socioeconomic groups with particular support for the disadvantaged and maintains a balance between commercial, industrial and residential interests.
- Sustaining and building on Port Phillip's vitality as a metropolitan, state and national centre for artistic creativity.

Objectives

The Community Alliance of Port Phillip is a resident's association with the following objectives:

1. To provide a City of Port Phillip-wide network for the purpose of recruiting and identifying preferred candidates for future City of Port Phillip municipal elections.
2. To provide an open and effective structure which candidates can draw on for policy advice and campaign support, and ongoing support for elected councillors.
3. To develop a set of governance principles which will underpin the operations of the government of the City of Port Phillip and a broad city-wide policy platform in the key areas of Council activity.
4. To encourage and facilitate the adoption by preferred candidates of joint policy positions or platforms on issues consistent with the association's principles and policies.

5. To promote community debate and awareness on issues affecting the community and residents.

6. To provide leadership where necessary in responding to issues of importance to the municipality and a source of expert assistance and resources to residents and local action groups as required.

7. To promote local government as an independent sphere of democratic government and to restore and enhance the powers and responsibilities of local government.

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Membership form

First name _____

Last name _____

Address _____

_____ p/code _____

email _____

phone a/h _____ b/h _____

fax _____ mobile _____

New membership Renewal

I wish to apply to the Community Alliance of Port Phillip for membership. In the event of my admission as a member, I agree to be bound by the Rules, the Objectives and Principles of the Association for the time being in force.

Signature _____

Date _____

I enclose the annual subscription fee of \$ _____

(\$10/\$5 conc. for individuals; \$20/\$10conc. for households)

I enclose a donation of \$ _____

NB Make cheque out to CAPP